

reproductive and child health, youth and adolescence, literacy and education, urban growth and poverty, local self-government and rural development, street working children, population stabilization and development, HIV and AIDS, drugs and narcotics, environmental issues etc. viewed context of economic liberalization and sustained human development. Further, the Social Development Fair 2000, 4th fair in the series, was organised to facilitate integration of the endeavours of Government, multilateral agencies, non-government organisations and voluntary organisations and others on the issues relating to social development and community welfare. The objectives of the fair were by and large achieved.

(c) Yes Sir.

(d) and (e) The details regarding the quantity and value of business generated by the participants in the fairs are not maintained by ITPO. However, most of the participants expressed satisfaction on the results achieved at the fair.

Anti-Dumping Duty on Indian Steel Plates

1552. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of countries like the USA and the countries belonging to the European Union have imposed heavy anti-dumping duty on Indian Steel plates, togetherwith counter vailing duty;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to counteract these measures which are adversely affecting the exports of steel and steel products?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) USA has imposed both Anti-dumping and Countervailing Duty of 72.49% and 12.8% respectively on import of Cut-to-length Carbon Steel Plates from India. European Union has provisionally imposed Anti-dumping duty of 21.8% on import of Quarto Plates from India.

(c) The Indian industry has been defending the Anti-dumping and Countervailing cases initiated against the import of steel plates. The Government has been supporting the cause of Indian exporters and has taken up the matter with these countries at various forums.

Facility of Free Movement to the Specialists

†1553. DR. D. MASTHAN:

SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to hold talks in World Trade Organization on the issue of providing facility of free movement to the Specialists in the world;

(b) if so, Government's plan in this regard;

(c) whether Government have talked to other countries also to persuade WTO to agree on this issue; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (b) Mandated negotiations in Services have commence this year in the WTO. These negotiations will cover all the four modes in which trade in services take place, including Mode 4 relating to movement of natural persons. The free movement of specialists is also covered under Mode 4. These negotiations are still at a preliminary stage. India will push for further liberalization in Mode 4 especially for professionals and specialists. The Permanent Mission of India to the WTO, based in Geneva, is in regular touch with the delegations of other countries on this issue.

News Item Captioned 'Major Indian Products Still Facing EU Import Restriction'

†1554. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.